

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 29-39, 49, 50, and 52-65 are pending in the application with claim 50 amended herein and claim 51 cancelled herein. Applicant expresses appreciation for the allowance of claims 17, 18, 29-39, 49 and 54-65 and for the indication that claim 51 is allowable. Applicant requests entry of the amendment herein after final rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1) since the amendment complies with the requirement of form expressly set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 50, 52, and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchida, "Self-Combustion Reaction ... Powder Mixtures," 1995 in combination with Grogen (U.S. Patent No. 5,635,429). Applicant herein amends claim 50 to include all the limitations of claim 51, rendering claim 50 patentable pursuant to page 3 of the Office Action, along with claims 52 and 53 depending therefrom. Applicant amends claim 50 without admitting to the propriety of the rejection and merely to advance prosecution of the present application.

Applicant herein establishes adequate reasons supporting patentability of claims 17, 18, 29-39, 49, 50, and 52-65 and requests allowance of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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